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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
NOBUAKI TOMIDOKORO ET AL. : EXAMINER: POKRZYWA, J. R.
SERIAL NO: 09/195,604 :
RCE FILED: AUGUST 7, 2002 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2622
FOR: IMAGE FORMING DEVICE :
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM :

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In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2003, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-36 are presently active, with Claims 8-29 withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention. No claims have been amended herewith.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-7 and 30-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by European Patent Application No. EP 0768582 A1 to Ogura (hereinafter "the '582 application").

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the personal interview granted Applicants' representatives on May 20, 2003, at which time Claim 1 was discussed and arguments in

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of **0.00** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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